

Happy Holidays

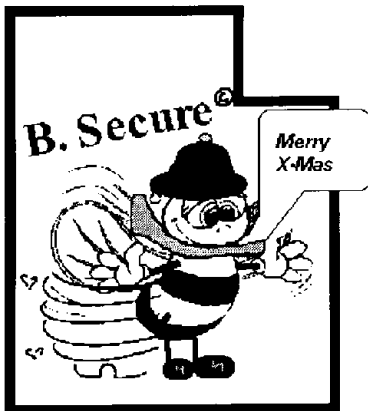
Well it has been a full year and I have given you lots of articles to read through. So I thought you might be tired and looking for a break this month. How about if I just buzz through some past articles and remind you of some key points to help you have a safe and sound holiday season.

As we talked throughout the year, we mentioned a lot on personal protection, theft and credit card scams. These are even more important going into this holiday season. Something to remember about these things is that you should always try and look like you have a purpose. We need to always walk with meaning and don't act like a victim. As we stride through the crowded mall and parking lots let's not let anyone think we are a target for an assault. Usually we will have our arms full and busy planning several other things. Remember to stay focused on where you are and what you are doing. Someone might be watching you. HO HO HO.

This time of year tends to be magical and packages always have a way of disappearing especially those left on the front seat why we run into that store for just a minute. Take the time to secure your packages in the trunk so that you will enjoy them on Christmas morning.

Speaking of packages means it is time for those plastic cards to be getting their exercise, and that means that people using scams become even more plentiful. They are trying to get money for their presents to and I guess they think it is better if you buy them. Time to remember a few tips on credit card scams.

- Draw a line on any blank spaces on charge slips.
- Don't carry all your credit cards.
- Memorize the pin number.
- Rip up all the carbons after using your cards.



As the holiday season gets busier so do our roads and that can only mean one thing. Time to get out our Road Faces. You know the one I mean with the eyes pierced almost shut, the mouth formed into a grimace, and the veins popping out on your forehead. The face of RAGE. As we go throughout the season of snow and salt, let's remember to cut the other people some slack and give ourselves the extra time. Every thing we can do to make the roads a more peaceful place will be a great holiday gift. Who knows maybe someone will be kind back.

Last but definitely not least let's remember the suicide article and know that this time of year is one in which lots of people become depressed and upset. It is sad that there are so many unhappy people out there. In watching out for ourselves let's not forget to watch out

for others. Give the extra love or caring that we can all share at this time of year. Being a friend or helper might just be the trick this holiday seasons to make you and another feel that joy of Christmas.

But most of all remember that as this year closes and a new millennium starts that I will be there give you suggestions and news on how to make yourself more secure. Until next year remember Be Safe, Be Smart and BE SECURE.